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TO: Executive Management
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SUBJECT: Eligibility and Enrollment Report for December 1, 2004

The report location:

<http://www.ahcccs.state.az.us/Statistics/>

- The AHCCCS population as of December 1, 2004 was 1,044,813. This figure does not include Healthcare Group of 12,439 or the SLMB/Qualified Individuals of 21,028. By including these populations, the total AHCCCS population would be 1,078,280.
- Below is a summary of the total AHCCCS population:

	4/1/04	5/1/04	6/1/04	7/1/04	8/1/04	9/1/04	10/1/04	11/1/04	12/1/04
AHCCCS Acute	850,649	852,204	862,537	865,517	883,358	917,148	938,820	959,370	956,440
KidsCare	50,894	50,459	50,373	49,968	49,591	49,148	48,171	47,941	48,061
ALTCS	38,879	38,946	39,094	39,141	39,454	39,720	39,975	40,137	40,312
Total Population	940,422	941,609	952,004	954,626	972,403	1,006,016	1,026,966	1,047,448	1,044,813

- From November 1, 2004 to December 1, 2004, the population decreased 2,635 or less than 1%. For the first month the population decreased because of DES' realignment in their workload to annual reviews began to even out.
- The major decreases in the AHCCCS population from November 1st, 2004 to December 1st, 2004 were:
 - 7,899 AHCCCS for Families and Children
 - 4,610 AHCCCS Care
 - 853 SSI-Cash
 - 775 Emergency Services

NOTE: The eligibility requirements were changed 7/1/02 for the Emergency Services program. Recipients are no longer required to have an emergency episode in order to be eligible, which is the reason for the dramatic increase beginning 8/02. However, only emergency medical services will be covered by AHCCCS, thus, there should not be a high dollar increase in the program.

- The major increases in the AHCCCS population from November 1st, 2004 to December 1st, 2004 were:
 - 5,672 SSI excluding SSI-Cash
 - 2,624 SOBRA Child
 - 2,333 1931 Related

- The majority of the growth in SOBRA Child and 1931 Related was due to a computer change made by DES that reclassified Newborns (babies under age 1 from the 1931 category to the 1931 Related and SOBRA Child. This switch also could account for the decrease in the 1931 category of AHCCCS for Families with Children, which had continually increased since 4/04. There will continue to be a shift of Newborns from 1931 to the 1931 Related category and SOBRA Child both of which include the newborn categories. This change in classification was done to try to ensure that newborns are not erroneously discontinued when other members of the baby's family lose eligibility for some reason that does not impact the baby's 12-month guarantee period, which is granted when a baby is born to an eligible Title XIX mother. The baby is considered a "deemed newborn" and the federal government mandates 12 months of coverage.
- There were 146 discrepancies between the number of individuals eligible and the number enrolled. Capitation adjustments have been made.
- Of the 1,004,501 Acute Care members (including KidsCare) the following are not eligible for full services:

Family Planning Services Only	7,527	(8.4% of Acute Care Population)
Qualified Medicare Beneficiary Only	1,326	
Federal Emergency Services	<u>75,485</u>	
Total	84,338	

- The Medicare Cost Sharing programs in addition to QMB are:

	3/1/04*	4/1/04*	5/1/04*	6/1/04*	7/1/04*	8/1/04	9/1/904	10/1/04	11/1/04	12/1/04
Specified Low Income Medicare Beneficiaries (SLMB)	11,790	12,279	12,216	13,259	12,958	12,971	13,300	13,532	13,998	13,677
Qualified Individuals I	9,129	5,369	5,798	6,029	6,156	6,451	6,837	7,227	7,606	7,351
Total	20,919	17,648	18,014	19,288	19,114	19,422	20,137	20,759	21,604	21,028

*Beginning March 2004 figures may be inaccurate due to system conversion. Statistics will be updated when reporting feature is fully implemented in ACE.

If you have any questions concerning this report, please call me at 602-417-4590 or 1-800-654-8713 ext. 74590.

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